

## 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Towing Safety Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

### 2. Fiscal Year

2019

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Towing Safety Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

704

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

07/07/2017

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

07/07/2019

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

33 U.S.C. 1231a

### 13. Effective Date

10/06/1980

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0 Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security through the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard on towing industry issues relating to shallow draft inland, harbors and coastal waterway with particular emphasis on operations, navigation and towing safety. Two full committee meetings were held this year. Four tasks were considered and accepted by TSAC.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

TSAC is mandated by statute and consists of eighteen (18) members appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Members are as follows: seven members representing the barge and towing industry, reflecting a geographical balance; one member representing the offshore mineral and oil supply vessel industry; one member representing holders of active licensed Masters of Pilots of towing vessels with experience on Western Rivers and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway; one member representing the holders of active licensed Masters of towing vessels in offshore service; one member representing Masters who are active ship-docking or operating harbor towing vessels; one member representing licensed and unlicensed towing vessel engineers having formal training and experience; two members representing each of the following groups: a) port districts, authorities or terminal operators, b) shippers (of whom at least one shall be engaged in the shipment of oil hazardous materials by barge); and two members of the general public.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

TSAC meets twice annually, more often as needs dictate. Sub-committees sometimes meet at least once between meetings, and as often as monthly to complete their assigned tasks. Through these meetings, the Committee maintains close ties with industry experts. TSAC represents this body of expertise essential to successful development of US Coast Guard initiatives in areas concerning towing operations, safety, security, and environmental protection.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The diverse experience and expertise available from the Committee make TSAC's advice invaluable. There are no other sources within DHS that have the professional expertise to contribute to the towing-specific vital issues discussed in the TSAC forum.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A; all meetings are open to the public.

## 21. Remarks

The Committee is eligible for renewals until September 30, 2020 as detailed in the Coast Guard Authorization Bill of 2010.

### Designated Federal Officer

Jose A Perez DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Caliendo, Michael	05/05/2014	09/30/2019	Vice President, Transportation, Andre, Inc.	Representative Member
Dial, Mark	03/05/2018	03/05/2021	Principal Surveyor, Plimsoll Marine C.A.	Representative Member
Fewell, Michael	05/05/2014	09/30/2019	Manager Operations Dow Chemical	Representative Member
Gauthier, Andrew	03/05/2018	03/05/2021	Operations Manager Crowley Marine Services	Representative Member
Jacobsen, Toby	03/05/2018	03/05/2021	Senior Port Captain, Foss Maritime Company	Representative Member
Johansson, Eric	04/30/2012	09/30/2019	Executive Director, Tug & Barge Committee Maritime Association of the Port of NY & NJ	Representative Member
Myskowski, Christopher	10/19/2016	09/30/2019	Senior Vice President, Operations, Marquette Transportation, Inc	Representative Member
Richmond, Ray	10/07/2014	03/05/2021	Safety and Compliance Specialist, SCF Marine	Representative Member
Rushing, Michael	10/07/2014	03/05/2021	President Rushing Marine Services	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Southworth, Donald	10/07/2014	03/05/2021	Master Moran Towing	Representative Member
Taft, Jill	05/05/2014	09/30/2019	Assistant Professor Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Representative Member
Terral, Joy	09/30/2017	09/30/2020	Lemm Corp.	Representative Member
Wilcox, Laura	10/19/2016	09/30/2019	Port Engineer, Vitus Marine	Representative Member
Grosshans, Mark				
[Subcommittee on Recommendations on the Towing of Liquefied Natural Gas Barges]	10/27/2016		Foss Maritime	Representative Member
Hwant, Marino				
[Subcommittee on Recommendations on the Towing of Liquefied Natural Gas Barges]	10/27/2016		McAllister Towing	Representative Member
Kinnier, Pat				
[Subcommittee on Recommendations on the Towing of Liquefied Natural Gas Barges]	10/27/2016		McAllister Towing	Representative Member
Muccin, Emil				
[Subcommittee on Recommendations on the Towing of Liquefied Natural Gas Barges]	10/27/2016		U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.	Representative Member

Odak, Tony [Subcommittee on Recommendations on the Towing of Liquefied Natural Gas Barges]	10/27/2016	Stone Oil	Representative Member
Stahl, Jake [Subcommittee on Recommendations on the Towing of Liquefied Natural Gas Barges]	10/27/2016	Self	Representative Member
Willmore, Gary [Subcommittee on Recommendations on the Towing of Liquefied Natural Gas Barges]	10/27/2016	Shell Trading (US) Co.	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 20**

### **Narrative Description**

The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) continues its work in Support of the Secretary of DHS goals and the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard business strategies. Specifically, TSAC supports the goal of promoting Homeland Security by strengthening the safety, security and integrity of the maritime mass-transportation network vital to the national economy. Under the Marine Transportation System strategy, the Committee is constantly evaluating and addressing both acute and emergent Towing Vessel requirements to ensure the towing industry maintains robust capacity to meet the national economic and security needs of the nation.

### **What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Outcome Comments**

Not Applicable

### **What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Cost Savings Comments**

The US Coast Guard implementation of TSAC's expert recommendations leads to more efficient use of the nation's waterways by the towing industry.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

191

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

These recommendations do not stem exclusively from the Committee members. Rather, TSAC will engage a wide variety of industry experts developing its recommendations.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

60%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The analysis of an inspection regimen for towing vessels is extremely complex. There is no clear method of predicting if the US Coast Guard will implement a large percentage of the TSAC's recommendations in this area, but historically it does implement a great deal.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

40%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

The US Coast Guard reserves the right to slightly alter technical specifics within the general framework of the Committee's recommendations.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to**

**implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The Committee receives feedback in the form of briefings during public meetings with the represented industry, regulations formulated, policy published, alteration of agency business practices, and legislative changes proposed.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

In FY 18 the Committee submitted five final reports addressing 1) Recommendations regarding New and Updated Policy for Articulated Tug and Barge (ATB) Combinations Currently Contained in NVIC 2-82, Change 3; 2) Report Number 3 on Recommendations regarding the implementation of 46 Code of Federal Regulations Subchapter M- Inspection of Towing Vessels; 3) Recommendations regarding Firefighting Training Requirements for Officer Endorsement for Master or Mate (Pilot) of Towing Vessels Except Apprentice Mate (Steersman) of Towing Vessels Inland Service; 4) Input to Support Regulatory Reform of Coast Guard Regulations-Executive Orders 13771 and 13783; and 5) Report Number 4 on Recommendations regarding the implementation of 46 Code of Federal Regulations Subchapter M- Inspection of Towing Vessels. Access to the Homeport TSAC to view the reports may be accomplished as follows:  
[HTTP://homeport.USCG.MIL/TSAC](http://homeport.USCG.MIL/TSAC) Go to the Missions button. A menu will show buttons for meeting minutes and for final reports. The final reports are PDF files.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A